## JULIAN BOND QUOTES Final - 2012

Today most school children know that Martin Luther King fought for integration in Montgomery and spoke in Washington of his dream, but racial justice, economic equality, and world peace are all issues that occupied Dr. King, and these are the issues that should occupy us.

The war on poverty has been replaced by a war on the poor, supporting tax cuts for the wealthy while cutting dozens of programs aimed at helping the disenfranchised.

The current problems of inequality in America are caused not only by those hostile to the basic principles of civil rights law and opposed to meaningful political and economic equity for blacks but also by the complacency of people who believe the civil rights movement ended with Dr. King.

We must hold all elected officeholders responsible for their actions—and remind them that the votes they cast will be remembered next Election Day. They cannot celebrate Dr. King's birthday in January and vote to destroy his dream the rest of the year.

Today, as we remember and celebrate Martin Luther King, we must remember that we have realized only half of his dream.

## From:

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